UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

Plaintiff, :

- v. - :

ALL ASSETS OF ASA DRUGS, INCLUDING $207,644.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT AT JP MORGAN CHASE, IN ACCOUNT NUMBER [redacted] 1 865; :

ALL ASSETS OF NASH PHARMACY, INCLUDING $1,492,892.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT AT JP MORGAN CHASE, IN ACCOUNT NUMBER [redacted] 4 365; and :

ALL ASSETS OF STAY SLIM PHARMACY, INCLUDING $128,534.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT AT JP MORGAN CHASE, IN ACCOUNT NUMBER [redacted] 6 065, :

Defendants-in-rem. :

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GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO CLAIMANTS' MOTIONS TO STAY

07 Civ. 3587 (MGC)

The Government submits this response to the motion by claimants Muhammad Nawaz Ahmad and Sobia Shaheen to stay this civil forfeiture action pending the conclusion of a related criminal case, United States v. Muhammad Ejaz Ahmad, et al., 06 Cr. 1135 (JGK). Muhammad Nawaz Ahmad is named as a defendant in the criminal case; Sobia Shaheen is married to another defendant, Muhammad Ejaz Ahmad, and is a co-owner with Muhammad Nawaz Ahmad of several pharmacies that are alleged to be involved in the health care fraud charged in the criminal case. Given the pending criminal case, the Government agrees that a stay of this civil forfeiture case would be appropriate pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(g)(2), as well as 18 U.S.C § 981(g)(1), and therefore the Government consents to the request for a stay.

Dated: New York, New York
July 9, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Christine Meding deposes and says that I am employed in the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and that on July 9, 2007, I served copies of the within Government's Response to Claimant's Motion to Stay by filing the same via the Electronic Filing System in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, whereby an e-mail notification of the filing will be sent to:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

s/Christine Meding
Christine Meding
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Dated: New York, New York
July 9, 2007